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In re Application of

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Title: INFORMATION CARRIER, APPARATUS, SUBSTRATE, AND SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4,5 and 9 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

- 4. An information carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second coupling element (32) is coupled to the integrated circuit (10) by means of capacitive coupling.
- 5. An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the information carrier (1) is constructed as a disc, and in that information stored in the storage unit (9) is optically readable.

- 9. An information carrier as claimed in claim 6,
- characterized in that the conductive material is provided in the form of a conductive ink.

## REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully symmitted,

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## APPENDIX A

- 4. An information carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1,  $\frac{2}{7}$ , or 3, characterized in that the second coupling element (32) is coupled to the integrated circuit (10) by means of capacitive coupling.
- 5. An information carrier as claimed in claim 1,  $\frac{2}{7}$ , or 3, characterized in that the information carrier (1) is constructed as a disc, and in that information stored in the storage unit (9) is optically readable.
- 9. An information carrier as claimed in claim 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  characterized in that the conductive material is provided in the form of a conductive ink.